

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2266,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1998

JULY 28, 1997.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 198]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 198, by a non-record vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2266, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, 1998” under an open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (the 3-day requirement for availability of the report), clause 7 of rule XXI (the 3-day requirement for availability of printed hearings on appropriations bills), or section 306 of the Budget Act of 1974 (which prohibits consideration of bills containing matters within the jurisdiction of the Budget Committee unless they have been reported by that committee).

The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill which do not comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) or clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting transfers of unobligated balances).

Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Record prior to their consideration may be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules. The rule provides that the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone recorded votes and may reduce voting time on post-

poned questions to 5 minutes, provided that the voting time on the first in a series of questions is not less than 15 minutes.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

